#### BEFORE THE

#### CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

In the matter of

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#### APPEARANCES

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Cynthia Dai

Connie Galambos Malloy

Peter Yao

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Angelo Ancheta

Michelle DiGuilio

Jodie Filkins Webber

M. Andre Parvenu

## Staff Present

Dan Claypool, Executive Director

Janeece Sargis, Administrative Assistant

Deborah Davis, Budget Officer

Raul Villanueva, Business manager

Christina Shupe, Senior Administrative Assistant

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- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: All right. We are on the
- 3 record. And let the record show that -- actually, we are
- 4 missing Commissioner Ward, but I imagine he will join us
- 5 shortly.

- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: He's in the building.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. So, I'm sure he'll
- 8 be joining us shortly.
- 9 And we're also being joined by Commissioners
- 10 Aguirre, Ancheta, and DiGuilio as observers. Thank you
- 11 for joining us.
- 12 So, we are on to the very exciting topic of our
- 13 budget and budget augmentation, and so I'd like to turn
- 14 that over to Mr. Claypool to tell us the latest in this
- 15 ever-changing saga.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, I brought
- 17 everybody from the office to actually give this
- 18 conversation. But, first of all, I should introduce your
- 19 newest staff person.
- 20 And if you choose to make that vote, I'm sure you
- 21 will, this is Deborah Davis. Deborah was with the State
- 22 for 31 years. She worked among many different offices,
- 23 Department of Justice, Department of Insurance, the
- 24 Secretary of State's Office, Employment Development
- 25 Department and the State Fire Marshall.

1	She	has	extensive	experience	in	all	facets	of

- 2 budgeting and that's going to really be important if she
- 3 tries to follow what I've done with our budget.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I understand you've been
- 5 making a lot of corrections.
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Minor corrections.
- 7 So, first of all, I should say that our budget
- 8 augmentation letter is in with the Department of Finance,
- 9 it's a second one, and with revisions. And we haven't
- 10 heard back from them on that way, but they are very busy.
- It's not an indication that they don't have more
- 12 revisions, it's only an indication that they're busy.
- And now we're moving on to getting in our budget
- 14 change proposal, which is also the spring finance letter.
- 15 And we are holding that spring finance letter, the
- 16 completion of it, until Monday because we're waiting for
- 17 the outcome of the selection of the VRA attorney and the
- 18 selection of the line-drawer. I don't anticipate that
- 19 those selections will impact what we're proposing to the
- 20 Department of Finance, but it just seemed prudent to wait
- 21 until we knew what the totals were.
- 22 So, that's the state of the budget change
- 23 proposal. Are there any questions?
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Well, actually, there have
- 25 been some changes since our \$6 million original proposal.

- 1 I wonder if you, for the benefit of the public, want to
- 2 highlight some of those?
- 3 We are. And at this time we'll go ahead and hand
- 4 out the different --
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: And, Ms. Davis, are you
- 6 going to be taking us through this?
- 7 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes, I will.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So, before we begin, can
- 9 you just speak a little, say a few words, yourself, about
- 10 why you decided to join us in this enterprise?
- BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Well, I've been taking a
- 12 look at the redistricting and they had this opportunity, a
- 13 one-person budget operation, which I've done several times
- 14 in the past, and I thought it was going to be an
- 15 interesting -- and we're probably going to go through a
- 16 few knot holes, but I've been there before as far as
- 17 trying to help a project stay on track, so I thought I had
- 18 something to bring.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Excellent. I think we're
- 20 going to need every bit of help we can get.
- 21 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So thank you for joining
- 23 us.
- 24 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: I'm glad you used the word

- 1 "interesting". I would have used a slightly different
- 2 word.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Well, there's an old
- 4 Chinese curse called may you live in interesting times.
- 5 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Oh. I've been on board
- 6 since Monday, so I'm working furiously to get through the
- 7 numbers and the whole process, so bear with me.
- 8 I believe you've seen this spread sheet and it now
- 9 has updated numbers. Hopefully, over the next week, or
- 10 when we're before you again, I will have a better handle
- 11 on the actual numbers that have been put in.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I'm sorry to interrupt.
- 13 Mr. Claypool, is this available on the web for the public?
- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We've posted it,
- 15 right?
- BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes.
- 17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, it's posted.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Great.
- 19 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: So we're showing the
- 20 numbers for 2010-11. Let's see the third column over has
- 21 the possible augmentation that we're -- estimate of what
- 22 we're planning to propose for the finance letter.
- Let's see, what else? We've got our staff costs
- 24 estimated, the meetings are estimated with the travel.
- 25 Is there anything in particular that --

1	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Probably, and this
2	is something that Deborah didn't have the opportunity to
3	really work with because I had already taken a lot out of
4	this from when we had the original estimate, so it might
5	be helpful if I just for the benefit of everyone, just
6	kind of ran through what disappeared and how
7	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: That would be great.
8	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: and how we
9	suddenly got to where we're at.
10	The most important disappearing item, if you go to
11	the third page and you look at our interagency agreements
12	and we're still showing the Center for Collaborative
13	Policy in there, but this was originally about a \$1.2
14	million venture. I can't remember exactly how much was in
15	there.
16	But there was 800,000, I think in one year, and
17	actually six in the other, so it would have been 1.4.
18	And this came about when we removed the
19	educational outreach portion of it, and then we were
20	talking about doing the toolkit with them and we had
21	actually been authorized to move forward on the toolkit.
22	But we had a very good opportunity to augment our budget
23	by working with Common Cause on that I'm sorry
24	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: RedistrictingCA?
25	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I think it must
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- 1 yeah, RedistrictingCA, I apologize. So we moved forward
- 2 with that.
- 3 And at that time we had a meeting with Susan
- 4 Sherry, of the CCP, and she just thought that it would be
- 5 better if given the way that we were moving, that they
- 6 remove themselves from the project.
- 7 We left under good terms and we left saying that
- 8 if we were going to continue with that particular focus of
- 9 using somebody for those services, we would certainly
- 10 revisit CCP.
- 11 Since then, however, we've moved more in the
- 12 posture of having staff do that. And I believe that
- 13 effort, or that reduction allowed us then to move to a
- 14 position where we could be under 3.5 million through
- 15 August.
- Now, Deborah's since pointed out to me, along with
- 17 the Department of Finance, that several of the ways that I
- 18 did that may not be ways that we can actually do that, but
- 19 part of it was deferring some of our contract costs until
- 20 after a budget was passed.
- 21 So that's -- Deborah's been working with our
- 22 contacts at Department of Finance because I've just
- 23 completely turned it over to her to work with Mr.
- 24 Fitzpatrick and Kia Cha to figure out how we can augment
- 25 this budget, and then ask for the additional funds, and

1	have	it	all	fall	into	place	as	we	have	what	Department	of
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- 2 Finance refers to as a continuing activity.
- 3 So, we removed -- as you look at this, we removed
- 4 all of those contracts. We reduced the Commission travel
- 5 by the educational outreach meetings. We reduced the
- 6 Commission reimbursements for educational outreach. And
- 7 we reduced some of our venue and meeting costs.
- 8 No, we didn't, I apologize for that. That was
- 9 always going to be handled under the subcontract by CCE.
- 10 But those were the combination, between the Commission's
- 11 travel and the Commission's per diem, and the CCE and CCP
- 12 costs that's how we came down to this number.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Just a
- 14 small clarification, so then as I'm reading this, CCP and
- 15 CCE, all our engagement with them has now ended?
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It has. The only
- 17 thing we -- and Raul will be talking about this in a
- 18 second. The only thing that we have left, I think, is to
- 19 finish the last interagency agreement to ensure that
- 20 they're paid for the work that they did for us. But we
- 21 have no longer involvement -- no more involvement with
- 22 them.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Thank you.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: As you identified earlier,
- 25 this is really a cash flow type of budget as compared to a

- 1 commitment budget, as far as the \$3.5 million is
- 2 concerned. Is that --
- 3 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: It's a projection.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: It's a projection?
- 5 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: So if no additional money
- 7 comes in are we going to be in trouble?
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, there's a way
- 9 for us not to be in trouble, but you're going to have to
- 10 follow with me on this.
- 11 We are projecting our meetings out -- if you look
- 12 at -- if you look at the first line, we're looking at a
- 13 total of 30 -- or, actually, Commissioner per diem is a
- 14 good place to look at it, and look at the public input
- 15 meetings.
- 16 We're projecting 38 public input meetings and then
- 17 we're also projecting a total of 24 business meetings, and
- 18 we're projecting, I think, ten meetings -- where we've
- 19 told the contractor to give us ten meetings with him.
- 20 And then we have funds in that ten-meeting
- 21 estimate, and that would be on page 2, I apologize. In
- 22 the public hearings, you'll see the line-drawer has an
- 23 additional input of hearing sites of up to 20, and
- 24 additional meetings with Commissioners up to ten.
- 25 If -- we will know before we finish our initial

- 1 sites, we'll know well before then, our initial input
- 2 sites, whether or not they've augmented us for the
- 3 million. And I still remain absolutely confident that the
- 4 million is there for us because we can show a clear need
- 5 for it.
- 6 However, if we were to not get the augmentation,
- 7 the next -- the next step is to start cutting back on
- 8 meetings. We would reduce the number of public input pre-
- 9 hearings, we would probably go -- probably go -- it would
- 10 be clearly the Commission's decision, but it would make
- 11 sense to go to an eight-region post-hearing plan, rather
- 12 than going to another 19.
- If we subtract out that many meetings and the
- 14 Commission costs, and the costs associated with it, we can
- 15 be under the 3.5 to finish.
- Now, when I say to finish, that means that on
- 17 September 1<sup>st</sup> you would have no more staff and I don't know
- 18 who would complete the post -- the post-map deal.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: The report?
- 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, not
- 21 necessarily the report. We'll finish the report and all
- 22 the maps, even if we have to pull back the number of
- 23 meetings. The part that wouldn't be done will be your
- 24 archiving, which is required by law, and the other things
- 25 that we'd talked about.

1	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, and I want to
2	distinguish between the report that's required to
3	accompany the maps, with the report that's supposed to
4	assess the evaluation of the Commission and what needs to
5	be changed, I mean on that report?
6	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, so four
7	things, and I said three. There's the report that would
8	assess us, there's the archiving of the data, there's any
9	Commission recommendation for a legislative change or I
10	mean for a Constitutional change, and you would have no
11	staff to carry out your Public Records Act requests, which
12	could be a major legal problem.
13	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Right. I have a feeling
14	we'll be able to convince the Legislature that we need
15	that kind of funding.
16	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.
17	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay, that's helpful.
18	I have a question, Mr. Claypool. Originally, when
19	you came to us with a proposal, before CCP was in the
20	picture, you gave us an estimate of staff that you felt
21	you need to you would need to go ahead and have
22	permanent staff essentially fill the logistics function.
23	And I know that we've been making great use of
24	retired annuitants, which is great. I'm just wondering,
25	with the staff configuration that's been authorized so far

1	are you	comfortable	that	staff	can	handle	this,	given	that
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- 2 we've kind of taken them out of the picture at this point?
- 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, staff can
- 4 handle this with a lot of overtime, which they're already
- 5 putting in. With our -- with our AGPA level positions,
- 6 that means overtime costs as well. With your E class
- 7 employees, above that, there is no overtime component.
- 8 So, I would say that it would be -- we have one
- 9 person that we're trying to bring aboard right now, that
- 10 we're advertising for. We've run into some difficulties
- 11 with that with Department of General Services. And again,
- 12 it's because of the requirement to advertise for that
- 13 position.
- 14 And so we're now going to, because we have the
- 15 exemption to move around them, we're going to just go
- 16 ahead and advertise through our 1,300 e-mail blasts and
- 17 take that approach, so that we can find somebody to fill
- 18 that position.
- 19 We've also hired one student assistant, you'll see
- 20 him, Kermit will be in and out with things, and he's --
- 21 but he's good with the way the funding works, he's good
- 22 for about six weeks. Six to eight weeks.
- 23 And then we're planning on hiring another one.
- 24 And those individuals can get us through the planning
- 25 cycle.

1 It would be $$ if we get the person that we r	need,
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- 2 the additional assistant that was authorized last time,
- 3 and we have those two, we can plan it.
- 4 It would be helpful to bring one more short-term
- 5 person aboard for going out to -- helping here, while we
- 6 take this new person, Janeece, Kirk and myself, out on the
- 7 road with you. Because now we're going to fulfill the
- 8 same function as CCP, so we'll be your crowd control,
- 9 we'll be your people who bring them forward.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So it would be short term
- 11 for the period of the public hearings?
- 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I would say short
- 13 term for the period leading all the way through to
- 14 September 1<sup>st</sup>. I would keep them for that interim period,
- 15 while we're trying to archive and so forth, so we're
- 16 looking at a person for about five months.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. I wanted to follow
- 18 up on your comment about the problem, I'm assuming it's
- 19 just a delay with advertising. Is it a certain amount of
- 20 days it has to be advertised, or a certain number of
- 21 places, or what was the issue we were running into with
- 22 DGS?
- 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Raul?
- 24 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: If I may, part of it
- 25 is because we're not Civil Service, and they're used to

1	doing	things	according	to	Civil	Service,	is	helping	them

- 2 delineate the difference and what we can and can't do,
- 3 according to the permissions we have in the Constitution.
- 4 And so, sometimes that engenders short
- 5 conversations and sometimes it engenders longer
- 6 conversations.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So this was a longer
- 8 conversation.
- 9 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: This was a longer
- 10 conversation.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Do they understand that we
- 12 are not beholden to the Civil Service rules then, at this
- 13 point?
- 14 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: You know, I'm not
- 15 quite sure. And part of the reason for that is they just
- 16 inherited us at the beginning of March. The first things
- 17 we had to do didn't really impact Civil Service as much,
- 18 the VRA attorney, and so that was a little bit easier to
- 19 work through some of those issues.
- This one, because the AG position traditionally
- 21 is --
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Civil Service.
- 23 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: -- a Civil Service
- 24 position, then they have to go through their processes to
- 25 make sure that what we're saying is accurate, and then we

1	dialoque	some	more.	So,	it's	the	beginning	of	that

- 2 relationship.
- 3 My hopes is that as we establish this with them
- 4 and set that groundwork, the conversations will be less
- 5 frequent and shorter.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Mr. Claypool,
- 7 to go back to the conversation around what happens if we
- 8 don't get our augmentation, and your hopefulness that we
- 9 will get the augmentation is great, and at the same time I
- 10 know the budget environment is very dismal here, in
- 11 Sacramento. And so I am a bit concerned regarding,
- 12 timing-wise, what we would have to do if we don't get our
- 13 augmentation, that it will be scaling back our outreach
- 14 and hearings.
- 15 And I think what we've heard time and time again
- 16 from the public are really how important those hearings
- 17 are. And we've had many offers from different types of
- 18 networks, and different types of organizations, like the
- 19 Chamber of Commerce, I think many of the organizations
- 20 that came and presented on February  $26^{th}$ , as well.
- I think this might be a point we want to bring
- 22 back to the full Commission and maybe make a formal
- 23 request of interested parties, and organizations, and
- 24 networks who have connections to please also show their
- 25 support for the Redistricting Commission receiving our

1	augmentation	in	order	that	we	can	do	the	best	effort	at
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- 2 public outreach and hearings.
- 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Absolutely. And we
- 4 have already taken that course. Three things that I
- 5 should say we're doing, preliminarily, to make sure that
- 6 we can get all the way through September 1st.
- 7 The first one is we've budgeted for separate
- 8 business meetings than meetings with the input, but we're
- 9 going to calendar, or show a calendar this afternoon that
- 10 really shows them combined.
- 11 So we're saying we'll combine those up, we'll have
- 12 them in the daytime, at the same venues, and then we're
- 13 going to have a savings there just against -- against the
- 14 possibility that we don't get the augmentation.
- 15 The other thing that we've done is we've reached
- 16 out to -- I think Janeece had reached out to five
- 17 different sites already and said we don't have a date for
- 18 you, but will you be able to assist us in venues, and
- 19 costs and so forth?
- 20 And all five of them, they're offering up
- 21 significant -- either the entire site and the venue, or
- 22 the venue and we pay for certain costs.
- 23 So we're working -- we're working actively towards
- 24 engaging the public that way as well. Because we can
- 25 always -- the greatest thing we could do is come through

1 wi	th t	these	maps	and	also	give	the	State	back	some	money	٠.
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- 2 So we are -- we will continue to look at that,
- 3 whether we get the augmentation or not.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Uh-hum.
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The third place that
- 6 we're really going out to is through the different
- 7 partners. You know, my best example for that is we had a
- 8 meeting yesterday, on a teleconference, where we were
- 9 discussing the plans for the schedule, the proposed
- 10 scheduling for the meetings, the input meetings. And
- 11 specifically asked if they could help us get a venue in
- 12 Central L.A., so that we could have a site that would be
- 13 placed between Pico Union and Watts, so that we could get
- 14 that very important information from those communities of
- 15 interest.
- 16 And we just instantly received two recommendations
- 17 for people to call that might be able to provide the
- 18 venues for us.
- 19 So, we're -- your staff is engaging in that and
- 20 we're looking for ways to do this as inexpensively as
- 21 possible, regardless of the funding we get.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: I think this is something
- 24 for the three or the four of us to decide as to whether we
- 25 want to request staff to put together another budget for

- 1 two and a half million dollars, as compared to the three
- 2 and a half million dollars between now and August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 By having a separate budget, at least we would
- 4 have a definite plan as to at what point we need to cut
- 5 off what activity, as compared to -- you know, this still
- 6 would be our operating budget, but having a --
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Contingency plan.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: -- contingency budget
- 9 forces us to look at things a little more precisely. So I
- 10 think maybe before the end of our advisory committee
- 11 meeting, we need to make that decision.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: It sounds like you have a
- 13 pretty good idea, Mr. Claypool, of exactly what we would
- 14 cut though, cut it down.
- 15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We do. And the one
- 16 thing, I appreciate Commissioner Yao's concern on the two
- 17 and a half million.
- 18 The third -- the million dollars that's in the
- 19 budget right now is appropriated, it's simply waiting for
- 20 a release by the Department of Finance.
- 21 We have -- I would say that if -- we will know
- 22 very quickly from the Department of Finance whether or not
- 23 that's going to be released. They have shown no
- 24 indication than it was anything other than the necessity
- 25 to give them the additional --

1	COMMITTEE	MEMBER	DAI:	Justification.
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- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: -- documentation,
- 3 justification so that it will be released.
- 4 I would ask that we hold off on doing that
- 5 additional budget until we know we need it. We're giving
- 6 you the three and a half million here and we can make that
- 7 work. If we -- we've got so many other things that we
- 8 have to do between now and not only our next meeting, but
- 9 to start these meetings, that I just would hesitate to
- 10 switch over on that.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Can we be fairly clear
- 12 about how quickly we're going to hear back from the
- 13 Department of Finance, is this one week, two weeks, a
- 14 month?
- 15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It's a 30-day clock,
- 16 and since we put it in, that's what they refer to it as.
- 17 But again, this isn't -- this is much different than the
- 18 budget change proposal. This is a 30-day clock on money
- 19 that's already appropriated. And so it's just a
- 20 different -- we're dealing with a different situation.
- 21 I'm still very hopeful that we will get the budget
- 22 change proposal, as well, because I believe that we do
- 23 have -- as you pointed out, we do have the benefit of
- 24 public opinion and so forth.
- 25 And at the same time, if we don't for the three

- 1 and a half million level, we're already making -- taking
- 2 steps to make sure that we can meet it by doing what
- 3 Commissioner Galambos Malloy had suggested.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is March 8<sup>th</sup>
- 5 the date when our 30-day clock began ticking? I had a
- 6 draft of the letter that was dated the  $8^{th}$ .
- 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. And I would
- 8 have to say that our date would probably -- would more
- 9 than likely be this last Monday. That's the first letter,
- 10 last Monday. We put in the second letter, I got it to --
- 11 was it Monday or last --
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: They reset the
- 13 clock every time they ask us for more?
- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, what -- no. But
- 15 they can reset the clock every time we ask them for more.
- 16 No, Department of Finance has been extremely helpful. I
- 17 mean, they're a very talented group and we have good
- 18 people that are working for us.
- 19 But they did come back to me and say we want you
- 20 to make this letter stronger. And I made the letter
- 21 stronger. And then they asked some questions about some
- 22 of the numbers in our budget and Deborah has followed up
- 23 with that.
- 24 And so, I think that our 30 days is ticking in --
- 25 you know, started on Monday. But again, I don't see -- I

- 1 don't see us not getting that million.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. So, just to clarify
- 3 and make sure that everyone on this Committee understands,
- 4 the first -- this first set of letters is really about
- 5 getting the money, the extra million that's already been
- 6 appropriated.
- 7 And the budget change proposal is for getting
- 8 funding over that for ongoing operations.
- 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. The BCP, by
- 10 the way, is also always referred to as the spring finance
- 11 letter.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: The spring finance letter,
- 13 okay. Right. Because we, as a Commission, still have to
- 14 discuss what we want to do for the rest of our ten-year
- 15 appointment, so what our ongoing plan looks like, what
- 16 staff we need to retain, how often we want to meet after
- 17 we're done with the bulk of our work in August.
- 18 Go ahead, Commissioner DiGuilio.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just wanted to clarify
- 20 Mr. Claypool's response to Commissioner Dai, that going
- 21 back to the issue of the staffing, is it my
- 22 understanding -- because you had mentioned there will be a
- 23 quite a bit of overtime needed to do what's -- a lot of
- 24 overtime incurred to do what's needed.
- 25 But is it my understanding that with the new

- 1 hire,, if it goes through, that that will give you enough
- 2 staff so that there's not a lot of extra over?
- I'm wondering, if there's so much additional
- 4 overtime, if it's not more cost effective to add
- 5 another -- one more position? Or is that what the short-
- 6 term position you were referring to would alleviate that
- 7 overtime?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Go ahead.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Let me -- let me just give
- 10 you a general answer to the overtime issue. Overtime
- 11 actually is cheaper than straight time because straight
- 12 time pays for benefits. Overtime has no additional
- 13 benefit. It's just harder on people.
- 14 And so from a money perspective, in general, and I
- 15 can't talk about the specifics, but in general it actually
- 16 saves the budget money.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Raul?
- 18 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: I just wanted to
- 19 note that especially now, or up to now and probably
- 20 through the meetings, really, it's really important to
- 21 have people on call.
- 22 And so, for example, Christina over here, she's on
- 23 call throughout the weekend, so any postings and things
- 24 that need to occur, they happen right away. That's
- 25 overtime.

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- 2 don't occur until that Monday and maybe sometime later in
- 3 that Monday.
- 4 So, there's certain operational considerations,
- 5 because we do run almost seven days a week, that either we
- 6 make a decision to scale back to only five days and delay
- 7 things, or we accept the fact that we are operational in
- 8 that way and we stay flexible.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I think we need every day
- 10 that we can get.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, I'd like to
- 12 correct Raul, we don't run almost seven days a week, we
- 13 run seven days a week.
- 14 (Laughter)
- 15 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: That's true.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I guess my
- 17 question was whether or not you feel, if you get this
- 18 additional temporary position -- excuse me, short-term
- 19 position filled will you -- I didn't -- I guess I didn't
- 20 get the sense of whether that question was answered. Will
- 21 that be enough staff for you?
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I think so, because
- 23 if we bring the extra person, plus the one that we've
- 24 asked, and it's for exactly what Commissioner Yao said,
- 25 and what Raul said, we -- there's a certain continuity

- 1 that comes with having people around on overtime because
- 2 you -- you don't break -- you don't break the cycle, they
- 3 know what they're doing, they don't hand anything off.
- 4 The extra person that we're going to bring aboard,
- 5 now, is really going to help augment staff here in
- 6 Sacramento.
- 7 The extra person that we are -- that you
- 8 authorized last time is somebody that's going to go with
- 9 the Commission staff, along with Janeece, and myself, and
- 10 Kirk, and help run the input meetings while we're out in
- 11 the field.
- 12 So, it's going to help us logistically. If we
- 13 need to add just hands, we're going to do it using student
- 14 assistants, and so forth, like we've already done with
- 15 Kermit and we'll probably do that at least two more times.
- So, we have a plan and the plan generally moves
- 17 around having to have extra benefit costs, which is
- 18 important to us.
- 19 And last, I'd have to say that most of your
- 20 employees are E class employees. So, Raul and myself, and
- 21 Marian, and Kirk, and Rob can't get overtime, we can't put
- 22 our time in.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So, E class being exempt --
- 24 nonexempt, right.
- 25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. So, we don't

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- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I was going to say, we
- 3 don't accrue any overtime, either, we get the same no
- 4 matter what.
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That's right.
- 6 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Your hourly rate's
- 7 going down, too.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: There you go. Thank you.
- 9 Are there any more questions about the budget,
- 10 because I have a feeling we're moving into staffing and
- 11 personnel. I want to see if anybody on the Committee has
- 12 further questions for Ms. Davis or Mr. Claypool on actual
- 13 budget numbers.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: You going to go over the
- 15 incurred costs as part of this discussion or later on?
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, I think that
- 17 that should be part of this discussion. And then the
- 18 other thing that we were going to talk about, before we
- 19 got into personnel, were the state of our contracts and
- 20 where we're at with those. And including our -- Christina
- 21 has some information about our contracts for sexual
- 22 harassment training education.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: The only thing
- 24 I would add into that is anything regarding our move,
- 25 anticipated costs, timeline. I guess that's later, when

- 1 we get into facilities, potentially, but if it does have
- 2 significant budget implications, if you could flag those
- 3 for us.
- 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. I'm going to
- 5 have Deborah go over our expenditures at this point.
- 6 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Okay. I have numbers
- 7 through the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, expenditure totals, but I also
- 8 have a couple of items that haven't quite made it through
- 9 the actual controller's process.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: So, we're sitting at about
- 12 \$240,000 in actual expenditures. Now, that doesn't
- 13 include the projections for the salaries and some of those
- 14 other numbers.
- But for what we've actually incurred and those
- 16 that have been sitting on the desk, which is only a couple
- 17 of bills, I've included that in these totals of 240,000.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So, you said it doesn't
- 19 include salary projections. Does that mean it includes
- 20 salaries through 3/15 or --
- 21 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes, the salaries through
- 22 3/15, I've included any of their per diem up to date, all
- 23 the travel expense claims, whether they've been paid or
- 24 not is included in this number.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.

- 1 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: One of my goals is to have
- 2 the projections for the salaries and anything else that
- 3 we've actually committed to, because if we're working we
- 4 need to have those numbers as expended, or earmarked, or
- 5 encumbered.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Any questions?
- 7 All right. But that does include per diem issues,
- 8 all the Commissioners' per diems that have been processed?
- 9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes. Yes or --
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Or that have been incurred?
- 11 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Correct, incurred.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Incurred, okay.
- BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So, I have a question,
- 15 since Commissioners -- I don't know how frequently other
- 16 Commissioners are filing their pre diem reports, does this
- 17 mean these -- these include -- when we say incurred, it's
- 18 not actually based on actual, submitted reports because --
- 19 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: These are submitted
- 20 reports.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. So, in other words,
- 22 if Commissioners have not submitted anything for time they
- 23 may have put in, in the first part of March, it wouldn't
- 24 show.
- 25 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Correct.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Ms. Davis, in the future
- 3 can you report expenses by each of the categories that are
- 4 identified on the budget sheet? In other words, the
- 5 \$240,000 in -- and I'm not looking for it this month.
- 6 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Oh, a breakdown.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: The next time you report it
- 8 can you -- yes.
- 9 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Sure.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Just maybe add another
- 11 column and just show the incurred. We don't -- I don't
- 12 necessarily need it by the subcategories within the broad
- 13 category. But like, for example, operating expense
- 14 equipment, I just need the total number, total bottom line
- 15 number for that category.
- 16 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Oh, yes, certainly.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Okay. I don't think we
- 18 want to break it down to the subcategories, but it would
- 19 be nice --
- 20 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: I can do that.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: -- to be able to --
- COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, whatever's more
- 23 convenient, so we'll have budget, actual --
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Right.
- 25 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Uh-hum, got it.

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- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: -- what the variance is and
- 2 standard kind of budgeting report.
- 3 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Okay.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: And I saw you folks
- 6 conferring there, in response to Commissioner Galambos
- 7 Malloy's point about moving costs. I don't know if there
- 8 any outside of are you all going to be picking up a box
- 9 and walking over or --
- 10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Actually, we were
- 11 conferring at that moment about exactly what you asked
- 12 about the projected versus -- or about the actuals versus
- 13 those that hadn't been turned in, yet, on the
- 14 Commissioner's per diems.
- 15 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Yeah, because like I
- 17 said, this actually is a general question that might be
- 18 helpful for all the Commissioners to hear, and Ms. Shupe
- 19 might be able to weigh in on this. Is it better if we
- 20 turn in more frequent reports on a timely basis or, you
- 21 know, do you want to see two per month?
- I mean, I think you can give the Commission some
- 23 direction if it improves processing time, or helps the
- 24 staff in any way.
- 25 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE:

- 1 Absolutely. If you're able to turn in your TECs, broken
- 2 out by trip, that is really the easiest way to get us to
- 3 process it for you. Because when we have multiple trips
- 4 on a single TEC form, if there's an error in one trip, it
- 5 holds up all.
- 6 And again, with the per diems, if you can just
- 7 turn those in on a monthly basis, or every two weeks if
- 8 you'd like, either way works for us.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay, great. That's
- 10 helpful. We should put that in our report to let the
- 11 other Commissioners know that, because I have a feeling
- 12 it's happening in a somewhat random fashion based on
- 13 Commissioner right now.
- Okay, wonderful.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I'm
- 16 assuming that no one's just flat out said it or asked it,
- 17 but have the Commissioners all been timely in
- 18 submitting -- you have had per diem requests from all the
- 19 Commissioners at this point, is that correct, or are some
- 20 folks lagging behind?
- No names but -- no one has to be outed.
- 22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Well, I admit that I
- 23 started late, so I'm behind on that. But I came in later
- 24 than the other Commissioners.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Any other confessions?

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- 2 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: There's a handful
- 3 that haven't turned in for February.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 5 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: And so, as soon as
- 6 those come in, then we can start the processing on those.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So,
- 8 we'll include that in our report.
- 9 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: If I may, too, the
- 10 more regular it is, then the more it facilitates the
- 11 process and our ability, then, to have oversight and
- 12 ensure everything's going --
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, and in general I
- 14 would recommend to staff that you tell us how to make your
- 15 job easier, because there are 14 of us. And then, like I
- 16 said, everybody kind of does things to their own tune,
- 17 without direction, so they're --
- 18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I have no problem if
- 19 staff just gives us deadlines and say please turn them in
- 20 these dates, and that will -- if that makes your job
- 21 easier, just let us know.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And I'm assuming this
- 23 issue of the kind of on a monthly basis, too, because in
- 24 the past what I've been doing is just bring the previous
- 25 month's costs -- or the previous meetings' cost and per

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- 2 So, would it be easier to just mail them in or -- because
- 3 you can't e-mail, correct, you can't --
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I've been mailing them.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: The form, so just mail
- 6 them, that's the easiest. Okay. As opposed to waiting in
- 7 person, to do it in person. Okay, that's another --
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, and we should
- 9 probably highlight for everyone the way that envelopes
- 10 should be addressed because there's a specific way to do
- 11 that, right?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just tell us what to do.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah. So, we'll remind the
- 14 Commissioners because we're painfully aware of the
- 15 overtime and the seven-day-a-week schedule, and anything
- 16 that we, as Commissioners, can do that just changes our
- 17 behavior a little bit to make your jobs a lot easier, just
- 18 let us know.
- 19 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Thank you.
- 20 Likewise, we've put out several of the forms in electronic
- 21 PDF fillable form format. We can reissue those, again, if
- 22 there's anybody who needs some.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I would suggest you post
- 24 them on Google Docs so it's there for everybody and that
- 25 way you don't have to keep -- people don't have to search

- 1 for their e-mail, even though it's very easy to search
- 2 through G-mail. Various Commissioners are better at that
- 3 than others. So, I would share the document on Google
- 4 Docs, that way there's no excuse.
- 5 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: One other thing I'd
- 6 like to suggest, also, as far as the TECs go, individual
- 7 Commissioners, who may want different ways of approaching
- 8 how to do it, because you can set up models for yourself
- 9 and then have those as a fillable form, we'll be happy, if
- 10 you want to come by the office, to set that kind of thing
- 11 up for you. So that you have the main framework and are
- 12 only inputting the specifics for that trip. That way you
- 13 already have the format that works, less errors, and
- 14 you're only putting in the data specific for that trip.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And that will become
- 17 very helpful to you when you start seeing the schedule
- 18 that's coming up.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Can that be posted on the
- 20 documents or does that have to be personalized for each
- 21 one?
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, I would actually
- 23 suggest that staff, if there's a model that works well,
- 24 and that gets approved quickly, I think we would be happy
- 25 to conform to it.

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- 2 and -- we've put out one and certain folks are still
- 3 having issues with it. And that's why I thought rather
- 4 than trying to address that in a general format,
- 5 individually we can probably provide more specific
- 6 assistance.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. If you're offering
- 8 that, then we'll mention that to --
- 9 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Really, because on
- 10 our side whatever makes it easier for any of the
- 11 Commissioners to fill it out, fill it out correctly,
- 12 because then we can get it processed for you much quicker.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, might I
- 14 suggest that for the Commissioners who seem to -- the
- 15 format doesn't seem to be working or there are more
- 16 errors, that you could reach out to each of them directly
- 17 and offer that.
- 18 Because I mean, I'm not sure if I'm in that pool
- 19 or not. And so, obviously, if we're making the errors, we
- 20 might not be aware that we're making them.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I have a feeling Christina
- 22 knows.
- 23 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: If you
- 24 haven't heard from me --
- 25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Could you come up to

- 1 a microphone?
- 2 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: If you
- 3 haven't heard from me, you're probably okay.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: The word's probably.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, we don't have to
- 6 identify Commissioners by name but -- so, anyway, back
- 7 to -- I just want to make sure we got the question about
- 8 moving expenses put to bed. Do we not really
- 9 anticipate -- I mean, it's not like some of you have had
- 10 much time to get settled, but I just want to make sure if
- 11 there's anything that we can do.
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Actually, there's a
- 13 couple of areas that we're trying to define right now and
- 14 that is in terms of the IT setup, how much of that is
- 15 going to be provided support-wise, and what we're going to
- 16 have to procure to get that. That's probably the biggest
- 17 one. And then the phones.
- 18 So, those are the two that we're actively looking
- 19 at getting further information. I think a lot of the
- 20 other costs they'll cover, we'll see.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Right.
- 22 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Cover meaning we'll
- 23 still get expensed, but not like --
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: It's within the budget
- 25 anyway, okay.

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- 2 be a pickup truck and two things of gas because that's
- 3 going to be the fastest way to move us over, rather than
- 4 waiting for DGS.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes. Commissioner Yao?
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Have you broken through on
- 7 the operating supplies, expenses, equipments, and that
- 8 kind of issue, has that been resolved? Are you able to
- 9 buy --
- 10 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yes.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: -- softwares and things of
- 12 this nature?
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yeah.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: All right. Thank you.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, and I understand
- 16 we're no longer pursuing delegated authority for the
- 17 moment, but all our contracts are now starting to go
- 18 through, so we seem to be in business.
- 19 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: For the most part.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. That's very good to
- 21 hear.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an
- 23 additional question regarding the communications budget.
- 24 When we initially put this line item in regarding language
- 25 and translation services, we didn't put -- we didn't put

- 1 much detail on the budget. I remember when we talked
- 2 about it, it was designed to pay for translation at the
- 3 sites where we're doing the hearings, at least that's my
- 4 memory of it.
- 5 As I've begun to do more public outreach and speak
- 6 at various events, we are getting questions and concerns
- 7 as to whether we plan to translate our website, or any of
- 8 the materials on a regular basis.
- 9 So, I'm wondering, from the perspective of the
- 10 Public Information Committee, will that be something
- 11 you'll be talking about this afternoon or --
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes, and there are plans to
- 15 translate the website.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. And then
- 17 that would all be included in this same line item in the
- 18 budget?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes, Mr. Wilcox has gotten
- 20 quotes on that already.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Great.
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The one thing I'd
- 23 like to say about translation, because we received a -- we
- 24 received a letter today from -- I have it right here.
- 25 This was from Warren Furutani, the Assembly Member from

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- 2 responsibilities under the Dymally/Alatorre Bilingual
- 3 Services Act. And it's a very nice letter, but it's
- 4 reminding us that we have to make sure that we reach out
- 5 to the linguistically isolated.
- 6 And so what we have done so far in this particular
- 7 case, and we reported this to the Technical subcommittee,
- 8 and it will come out in the Outreach, as well, is that
- 9 we've gone through our -- several different approaches.
- 10 First of all, if you go through this budget,
- 11 you're going to find translation in, I think, three
- 12 different places.
- 13 We've made sure to have translation in the input
- 14 meetings. We have about 28,500 for translators.
- 15 And then, when we go to the Commission meetings, I
- 16 thought we had one for the input meetings as well. But
- 17 then we have translation services through Rob, and his --
- 18 and his efforts.
- 19 When we went out to -- when we went out and spoke
- 20 with the Alliance, or the members of the Alliance, we
- 21 asked them specifically three things. The first one was
- 22 that we wanted their help as much as possible in not only
- 23 helping us to identify proper venues, and the sites,
- 24 themselves, but also the different types of languages that
- 25 we would need to have translation for when we arrived.

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- 2 to different groups, as we did our public outreach, that
- 3 if they needed a specific language translated that they
- 4 would -- that they needed to notify us.
- 5 So, it's going to be a two-way street. You tell
- 6 us and we'll make sure to provide it. But also, at the
- 7 same time, we'll make sure that they know that they need
- 8 to tell us.
- 9 The second thing is we talked with them about
- 10 helping to provide translators, to identify people within
- 11 those communities who could provide those services for us
- 12 when we got there. Because, again, it's going to be
- 13 easier to have them provide good translators for us, that
- 14 are familiar with their community, than it is going to be
- 15 for us to bring translators in.
- And then the last thing is, as we're going to
- 17 explain to Mr. Furutani, in our letter to him, we have
- 18 budgeted for it. We recognize our responsibility and
- 19 we've looked at the Secretary of State's six-language
- 20 requirement, and to the extent possible we're going to try
- 21 to honor every language that we can.
- But that will be a budget-driven item so --
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I have an
- 24 additional question and I'm not sure if this is the right
- 25 place for it or this afternoon.

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- 2 English/Spanish speaker, and I was to see our agenda, it
- 3 would be difficult for me to ascertain from the paragraph
- 4 at the bottom of the agenda that Spanish translation
- 5 services were available to me, simply because the language
- 6 around that is written in English.
- 7 And so, one really basic thing that I think we
- 8 could standardize across our agendas is for however many
- 9 languages, maybe it's the six, that we are able to
- 10 translate this paragraph and have that as standard
- 11 protocol on all of our agendas.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: You took the words right
- 13 out of my mouth. This is my -- this is my big beef, when
- 14 working with clients who put up websites, and they're so
- 15 pleased with themselves and they have a translate button.
- 16 And I always point out to them, but the translate button's
- 17 in English.
- 18 So, flags work. You know, visual icons work, or
- 19 actually having the sentence in the appropriate language
- works.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And to me, that
- 22 would also be a consideration for the website, that
- 23 somewhere very prominently displayed on the website we
- 24 would have some abbreviated version of this that would be
- 25 in multiple languages, so that interested parties, who had

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- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We'll note that for
- 3 the Outreach Committee.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Uh-hum.
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Actually, we have
- 6 Commissioner Aquirre here from the Outreach Committee, we
- 7 don't have to note that at all.
- 8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I wrote it down.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Any other questions about
- 10 line items in the budget?
- Okay. If we're done with that, are we ready to
- 12 move on to staffing and personnel? Okay.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Before we move on
- 14 could we -- I'd like to get to the educational or the
- 15 educational requirements for the Commission, and have
- 16 Christina just tell you what she's done on that.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay?
- 19 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: Uh-hum.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: This is the training
- 21 requirement?
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.
- 23 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: So I've
- 24 just, very briefly, summarized the two outstanding
- 25 training requirements that the Commission has. For the

- 1 online State Ethnics training, through the Attorney
- 2 General's website, the information that you need to log in
- 3 is available to all the Commissioners. I've prepared this
- 4 little handout.
- 5 And once you go in and complete it, there is
- 6 actually a sample on the back side of the certificate of
- 7 completion that you'll be able to print. I'll need you to
- 8 fill that out and them mail the original into the Agency,
- 9 and keep a copy for your records.
- The online sexual harassment training, we've
- 11 contracted with the California Chamber of Commerce to
- 12 provide that. We now have access through an administrator
- 13 link. I've set up accounts for all of the Commissioners.
- And in the next seven days you'll be receiving log
- 15 in information on how to log in, online, and take that
- 16 training.
- 17 It is a minimum of two hours, but it can be taken
- 18 in segments. So, we've given all of the Commissioners six
- 19 weeks in which to complete that training. And once that's
- 20 done, I'll be notified through the system.
- If you happen to have the opportunity to send me
- 22 an e-mail, I'd appreciate that, that will flag it for me
- 23 to go in and check it.
- 24 And then, again, we'll keep those records with the
- 25 Agency.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Six weeks from today or six
- 2 weeks --
- 3 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: I've got
- 4 it set right now for the end of April.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 6 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: If we do
- 7 run into any issues, you have six months from the date of
- 8 your appointment to comply with State law. So, if we have
- 9 anybody who runs a little bit over, we'll still be okay.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Well, we'll try to
- 11 make sure there are not too many stragglers. We need to
- 12 self-police for this.
- Okay, great. That's wonderful and it sounds like
- 14 this has been done at no cost to the Commission then?
- 15 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: The ethics
- 16 training is provided at no cost. We were able to provide
- 17 the online training through the California Chamber at a
- 18 discounted cost.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay, great.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And could I
- 21 have a -- is it two hours for each of the ethics training
- 22 and the sexual harassment, or two in total?
- 23 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: The ethics
- 24 training is provided at your own pace.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

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- 2 the sexual harassment training is actually mandated that
- 3 it's a minimum of two hours.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: I want to caution you, when
- 6 you take these courses, you can go too fast and not meet
- 7 the two-hour requirement and not get the certificate.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. I'm just
- 9 trying to know how much to budget, if it's --
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: No, no, I'm serious. Make
- 11 sure you don't hit the end button or the completion button
- 12 less than two hours because the system will fail you if
- 13 you don't meet the two-hours requirement.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Don't be that
- 15 efficient, okay.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes. Although, it sounds
- 17 like you can be efficient on your ethics. If you're a
- 18 particularly ethical person, you may be able to finish
- 19 faster.
- 20 (Laughter)
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I clarify?
- 22 There's two options underneath the State Ethics training,
- 23 there's the interactive and the non-interactive, which is
- 24 a PDF, so that's just something you read and then you
- 25 complete the certificate that you've read the manual?

- 1 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: Correct.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: If you have a long plane
- 4 trip, that might be the thing to do. I have one coming
- 5 up. Okay, great. Thank you.
- 6 Onto the rest of our staff, staffing and
- 7 personnel. It would be great to know what our current
- 8 staff is. I think some of us are losing track.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Including the
- 10 student assistants.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I'm going to have
- 12 Raul.
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Okay. Currently in
- 14 the office, we have myself, as the office manager. We
- 15 have Janeece, who you see every time you're here.
- 16 Christina and our new budget officer, once that
- 17 votes takes place.
- 18 And that's -- and then, of course, there's your
- 19 attorney and Rob, who does the communications. That's
- 20 really it for your primary staff.
- In addition to that, we have, let's see, two
- 22 retired annuitants -- three retired annuitants who are
- 23 procurement and contracting specialists. We also use
- 24 their abilities and talents in as many ways as we can
- 25 while they're in the office.

- 1 And those are the folks that you voted in the last
- 2 time you were here.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Mariam Johnston.
- 4 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Oh, thank you.
- 5 Elizabeth, who's our web person.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: But she's a contractor,
- 7 right.
- 8 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: She's a contract.
- 9 And our student right now is on contract, which then
- 10 allows us to control the cost on that, also, because
- 11 there's a limit to the hours on that.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: And the student interns are
- 13 from Sac State, is that right?
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: No, from MBTI,
- 15 Manpower -- no.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: MTI, it's a
- 17 technical institute. I'm not sure what the M is, but I
- 18 know the TI.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And did you say
- 21 the name of the student or students?
- 22 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: The one student is
- 23 Kermit Torres. And he just started with us Tuesday.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Yes, Commissioner
- 25 Barabba was telling us that we thought he was making a St.

1	Patrick's	Day	joke	at	first.	But	we're	happy	to	hear	that
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- 2 he's real.
- 3 So, eight primary staff, four retired annuitants,
- 4 and two student interns.
- 5 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: One student intern.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: With one to come, right.
- 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And one to come.
- 8 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: And then the AGPA
- 9 position, which --
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Is still open.
- 11 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: -- which is in
- 12 recruitment.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And then the -- I
- 14 presume the AGPA position that you're going to recommend
- 15 for us.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Well, I was going to
- 17 clarify the actions that we need for the full Commission.
- 18 One is to approve Deborah Davis, right, as our new budget
- 19 officer. And the other is to approve an additional AGPA
- 20 position, and this would be a short-term position through
- 21 September, full time. Correct?
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Correct.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: As of the last
- 24 meeting, I had remembered that there was the potential for
- 25 a CORO Fellow. Is that a position that is happening or --

1	EXECUTIVE	DIRECTOR	CLAYPOOL:	Т	actually	spoke

- 2 with Rani Woods about the CORO Fellow. There were three,
- 3 but they were going to be in Los Angeles. And their cost
- 4 was going to be an equivalent to hiring full time staff,
- 5 really, at about 7,000 a month. And so what we could do
- 6 with them in Los Angeles was questionable. And if we were
- 7 going to spend that much money, then we would be better to
- 8 have them here in Sacramento.
- 9 But that having them come to Sacramento at that
- 10 cost also wasn't an option that I understood, so we didn't
- 11 follow through on the CORO Fellow.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Now, there is one
- 14 other additional item, and that is if you look at the
- 15 staffing on the -- on the actual budget, I carried -- I
- 16 carried one of our retired annuitants for an additional
- 17 two months. And you'll see it on the first page, at the
- 18 12,672.
- 19 We were going to carry our contract person just
- 20 through the contract period and it just seems advisable to
- 21 carry one additional individual to continue our
- 22 contracting efforts, because they're just a lot better at
- 23 it than -- certainly, they're a lot better at it than I
- 24 am, and it would be very helpful.
- But I just wanted to show that we had -- that I'd

- 1 made that adjustment here and that would be something that
- 2 you would have to approve.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Do we know which one
- 4 that would be?
- 5 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: We haven't posed the
- 6 question. Because I think they're --
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Do we know if we have a
- 8 willing retired annuitant?
- 9 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Exactly. The
- 10 original intention was to bring them in through a fairly
- 11 intensive six-week period of procurement and I haven't
- 12 broached the issue on if one of them would want to stay.
- 13 They're all excellent. For myself, any of the three would
- 14 be wonderful to keep.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Yes, let's make sure
- 16 we ask them. But I know they're probably having so much
- 17 fun, somebody will volunteer, right?
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: They always have a
- 19 smile on their face when they're going home. But then I
- 20 have to say they always have a smile on their face, we
- 21 have excellent staff.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Great. And I think
- 23 that's -- I just want to make sure we have all the numbers
- 24 here.
- 25 So, the AGPAs that -- the additional AGPA

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- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, it's always --
- 3 it's always our preference, if we can.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah.
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: But if not, then we
- 6 would just hire them in as a straight salaried worker.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Again, remembering
- 9 that your staff is always exempt from being exempt. So,
- 10 it's not like they go -- they build a Civil Service
- 11 position here, they simply come aboard and get the PERS
- 12 contribution, if they're at full time, and then they move
- 13 off.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Great. I just wanted to
- 15 make sure the count was corresponding.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I had an
- 17 additional question under contractual or staff services,
- 18 in the technical analysis. It says in the notes that this
- 19 was reduced down 150 K from the last time we spoke. And I
- 20 am wondering to what extent the advisory committees have
- 21 been involved with interpreting what that really means in
- 22 terms of our ability to do the types of specialized
- 23 studies that we had anticipated needing to do?
- 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So, the first thing
- 25 I should note is originally it had been reduced by 150,

- 1 and now it's back up by 100, and I had failed to take the
- 2 150. So, if you just get rid of the one, you'll be
- 3 correct.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, okay.
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So, it's been
- 6 reduced by 50,000 from the original amount.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And that was, again,
- 9 the conversation that we have to have. If the -- the
- 10 original amount was an estimate and if it's still
- 11 estimated that way, then we would treat that line the same
- 12 way we would treat any increase for any other line that we
- 13 have to have, after we bring our consultants aboard.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.
- 15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And I believe for
- 16 that I should go back to Commissioners Ancheta and Blanco,
- 17 and ask them whether that reduction will make -- will make
- 18 that difference.
- 19 As I was -- as I was looking for a way to come
- 20 under 385, I brought it up from 301 and a half, and then
- 21 realized the looks I would get for that, so I moved it
- 22 back up by a hundred, but didn't make the adjustment.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Great, I feel
- 25 much better knowing that.

1	COMMITTEE	MEMBER	DAI:	Well,	and	also.	iust	for

- 2 the other Commissioners who weren't here at the Legal
- 3 Advisory Committee, we did use these numbers in our
- 4 assumption, so I think we're okay for now.
- 5 I'm certain that after the interviews this
- 6 evening, with our Voting Rights Act attorneys, if there
- 7 needs to be an adjustment based on that input, that we
- 8 would get that to you ASAP.
- 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The one thing I
- 10 would say, that you're bringing that up, is as we are --
- 11 as we're looking at our line-drawing consultant and our
- 12 VRA attorney, any input we can -- we can get to kind of
- 13 firm up the types of consultants we might have, the
- 14 numbers we might need and general costs would be very
- 15 helpful.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Commissioner Dai, I'm
- 18 sorry?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Real fast, just not to
- 21 give staff too much extra work, but is there any way that
- 22 maybe we would have an org chart at some point, or with
- 23 specific names of people? I'm sure you probably -- I'm
- 24 sure Mr. Claypool has one in his office, with everyone.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: On his board, probably.

1	COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: On his board, yeah, along
2	with our life there. But at some point it might be nice
3	to actually match
4	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I should ask
5	COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: That would be great.
6	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And would that be
7	helpful as something we should post?
8	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, why not?
9	COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think it would be nice.
10	there's an element, too, because I know there's certain
11	staff that are here only for a certain amount of time,
12	maybe there might be a time period associated with that
13	org chart for each individual, so we know who's here,
14	who's not. And I think that would be very helpful for the
15	public, too, to some degree.
16	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I agree. And there's a
17	section on the website that will include staff bios so,
18	yeah, we could simply include an org chart with that as
19	well.
20	COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, thank you.
21	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.
22	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Excellent. Any other
23	questions about staffing and personnel, are we clear about
24	our staff now, pretty clear?
25	Okay. Excellent. On to the IT question, which I

- 1 know which will be disrupted very shortly, go ahead, Mr.
- 2 Villanueva or Mr. Claypool.
- 3 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Well, what part of
- 4 the IT question?
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Well, why don't -- why
- 6 don't you just tell us if there's anything we need to
- 7 worry about here? I know that we've been able to get a
- 8 webmaster, which was a big breakthrough, so we've seen a
- 9 lot of forward motion on that.
- 10 Are you folks getting support in the office?
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yes, we are. I
- 12 guess one of the issues back in February was getting
- 13 permissions from the State Office for Technology, OCIO.
- 14 That's been going very well. We now have a person who's
- 15 designated in that office to help us.
- And so as different things come up, procurements
- 17 we had to do, here with the videographer, getting that
- 18 permission through because the videography had an IT
- 19 component to it, they were right there, at hand, to be
- 20 able to get us those permissions and authorizations.
- 21 And so they're communicating, then, directly to
- 22 DGS whenever those kinds of procurements come up. And
- 23 that's greatly facilitated those types of procurements for
- 24 us.
- We've had to replace a couple of the computers and

- 1 some of the monitors, they were secondhand to us. We
- 2 thought they'd have greater longevity. They didn't. And
- 3 so, the staff went ahead and just evaluated all of it and
- 4 so we had to make those purchases.
- 5 And again, the folks over at OCIO and DGS
- 6 facilitated that, so that's in progress, we're waiting for
- 7 that.
- 8 As far as the networks there in the office, the
- 9 wireless one, it has better days. And I think once we're
- 10 actually more stable we can take a better look at that,
- 11 because there's multiple -- there's multiple wireless
- 12 arrays there, in the office, and so I'm not sure how much
- 13 of an impact that might have.
- But once we're in the new place, I think we'll be
- 15 able to control that better.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay, so --
- 17 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Software, I think
- 18 we're waiting for just a couple more things now.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: But it sounds like you're
- 20 able to function, now, because there was a point in time
- 21 when it was not clear how well you were functioning.
- 22 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: When we had no
- 23 office software.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah.
- 25 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: That was taken care

- 1 of.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. Good to hear. And
- 3 so, you're in a position where you're just waiting to hear
- 4 what the setup's going to be in the new location then?
- 5 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Right.
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Actually -- oh, I'm
- 7 sorry, Commissioner Yao.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Do we have full control of
- 9 the website now?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes.
- 11 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yes.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: We do.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We're in control.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes. Our webmaster is in
- 15 control.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we're in
- 17 control of our website.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: And, in fact, the Public
- 19 Information Committee will be showing you a design for a
- 20 new website.
- 21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I think we've seen it
- 22 already.
- 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The one thing, I can
- 24 tell you where our new offices will be and I can give you
- 25 a brief description of the site that -- the actual,

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- 2 Bonderson Building. It's around the corner, kind of
- 3 diagonal from where the Secretary of State's Office was.
- 4 So, you would be exactly a one-block walk from that
- 5 location.
- 6 It will have far more space than we currently
- 7 have, and we currently have far more space than we need.
- $8\,$  So, it will have 40 -- it has 40 cubicle spaces, and two
- 9 offices, a very large, locked office, that when we
- 10 reviewed it was filled with things that had been given to
- 11 Governor Schwarzenegger that they were storing there. But
- 12 we didn't take the surfboard. And so, it -- so that will
- 13 all be moved out.
- 14 And then there's a very large open space, with a
- 15 conference table, that we could fit probably 30 people
- 16 around it, and then a makeshift break room. It's an older
- 17 building, one of the older State-owned buildings, but it's
- 18 in -- lots more natural light than we currently have and
- 19 it will be a good space for us, it will work -- it will
- 20 work fine. It will save the State \$38,000 a month once
- 21 they've moved the Economic Development Group and ourselves
- 22 out of the space we're in.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: is the Economic Development
- 24 Group moving in with us or are they going somewhere else?
- 25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, we're getting

1	our	own	space,	and	I'	m	not	sure	if	it'	S	because	of	how
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- 2 loud we are. But we're getting this very, very large
- 3 space all to ourselves.
- 4 Now, how long it remains available to us is
- 5 questioned because it's -- it's scheduled to have the
- 6 energy -- part of the Energy Department move in so -- or
- 7 the Energy Council, I'm not sure which. But it will
- 8 certainly -- they certainly thought it would be -- there
- 9 would be no move or we would be incorporated in a smaller
- 10 space within it after August. So it would be -- they
- 11 assured us there would be no more moves between now and
- 12 when we finish.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay, excellent. All
- 14 right, so I guess we moved into facilities. Is there
- 15 anything, other questions?
- 16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, how are we doing with
- 17 the business cards, given the move?
- 18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Well, actually, those were
- 19 going very well and then the move come up. And so, what
- 20 we've decided to do is just go ahead and have them printed
- 21 without the address. We can also go back after, should
- 22 that be a consideration.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: That was my first thought.
- 24 it's like, okay, it's probably easier to take the address
- 25 off than try to get a new one put on. That might start

- 1 the four-week clock again.
- 2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.
- 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I have to tell you
- 4 that the -- I made that announcement about the -- about us
- 5 moving and I don't know how much -- how many minutes went
- 6 by before Commissioner Dai said, ding, addresses. Because
- 7 those business cards, it's like, oh, yeah, we better
- 8 remember that.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, I would just think
- 10 how would the Commission feel, after we've waited so long
- 11 with business cards, and then when we got them they had
- 12 the wrong address on them.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It's a -- in some
- 14 respects, it might be better.
- 15 (Laughter)
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: But we are -- we are
- 17 right now on hold primarily because of the telephone
- 18 numbers and trying to determine whether or not they'll
- 19 transfer. There should be no reason why they don't
- 20 transfer across with us, but we don't want to give them
- 21 the wrong -- it would be far worse to give the wrong
- 22 telephone number.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Well, the 800 number, or
- 24 the 866 number shouldn't change.
- 25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It won't change,

- 1 it's just the 322 numbers.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah.
- 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Now, we could give
- 4 out all of the Commissioners with your Blackberry number
- 5 and no 322 number, and get them moving that way.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I clarify,
- 7 do you anticipate whether we'll have those questions
- 8 resolved in time that we could have the business cards in
- 9 hand by our first input hearings?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: The second week of April.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.
- 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I think they were --
- 13 yeah, I think they were getting ready to go to the printer
- 14 when we kind of stopped them.
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yeah, we had to stop
- 16 them as soon as -- that Friday -- it was Friday, wasn't
- 17 it?
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.
- 19 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: When we went to go
- 20 see, that's when the proofs were starting to come back so
- 21 we had to put a stop.
- But, see, they're ready, they're ready to go to
- 23 print for us and that's why one of the considerations is
- 24 to go ahead and just put each of the Commissioners'
- 25 Blackberry numbers on there.

1	COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: It takes a day.
2	BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yeah.
3	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, not all the
4	Commissioners have Blackberry numbers, so that's one of
5	the challenges.
6	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We can do it with
7	just the 866 number and you'll get your you'll get your
8	calls routed through to you. And I would understand if
9	you didn't want your Blackberry number on it, whether you
10	had one or not, because you put that number on it and hand
11	it out, people are going to start calling you.
12	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Right. I know some
13	Commissioners requested and others requested that it not.
14	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.
15	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: So, it sounds like it
16	should not be a problem, though, for us to have them by
17	the second week of April, regardless. Is that true?
18	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Who prints those?
19	BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: State Printing.
20	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And the State
21	Printer's a separate office, right?
22	BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Yes.
23	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.
24	COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And did I hear, when was
25	the actual going back to the facilities, when was the

- 1 actual move anticipated?
- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: They -- we were
- 3 moving at extraordinary speed and they thought by late
- 4 April that we would make the move. So, I should say
- 5 that's -- I don't know if it will go that fast, but that's
- 6 what they projected.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, that's lightening
- 9 speed. So when I mentioned this to Dora Mejia, the
- 10 Secretary of State, she says, oh, you won't be moved for a
- 11 year. And I said, no, they want us to do it next month.
- Okay. Any other questions about facilities?
- Okay. The last item we have is management of
- 14 personnel and equipment contracts, which I think is just a
- 15 catchall for all of our contracts, most of which -- well,
- 16 hopefully, the big ones will be decided this week.
- 17 Do you have anything for us?
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We do. And I'm
- 19 going to talk about the major one and then ask Christina
- 20 to talk about the wireless cards and explain what's going
- 21 on with those.
- 22 That we do have some major contracts that will --
- 23 or at least one additional major contract that will occur
- 24 after this, if the Commission approves an end-line process
- 25 reviewer.

1 W∈	e intentionally	waited until	we	finished	with	the

- 2 technical consultant because that process actually will
- 3 start a little further down the road.
- 4 So, we have that coming up and we're going to have
- 5 to have a decision by the Commission as to whether or not
- 6 they want to proceed with that process.
- 7 And then the only other one that has any potential
- 8 at all would be an interagency agreement with Berkeley, if
- 9 for any reason something happens with the IFB that we've
- 10 got right now.
- But I can't imagine -- right now I'm very, very
- 12 optimistic for that, so I'm hoping we don't have to go
- 13 through that separate step.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Right, that's just a
- 15 contingency plan.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That's our
- 17 contingency.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And I'll have
- 20 Christina talk about the --
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Please.
- 22 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE: So, you'll
- 23 see that I'm actually checking my Blackberry, because I've
- 24 been in touch with Verizon all day today.
- 25 The wireless order has gone through and it is in

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- 2 to us. So, the expectation is that we will have them by
- 3 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Excellent. And this,
- 5 again, were the wireless cards, since we don't have
- 6 internet access in certain locations, the State Capitol
- 7 included.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And will that include a
- 9 training session for us technological novices?
- 10 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHUPE:
- 11 Absolutely. I'll be able to help anybody, who needs it,
- 12 to set those up.
- 13 And I would like to point out to the Commission,
- 14 too, that this is going to be a cost savings overall for
- 15 us, because you'll be able to use these in your hotel
- 16 rooms, on the road, and so it's really a great move.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay. Thank you.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Thank you.
- 19 Any other contracts we need to discuss?
- 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Raul?
- 21 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: Well, just for
- 22 information, your contract for your transcriptionist and
- 23 for all the meetings, and your contract for the
- 24 videographer for all the meetings are both underway. As a
- 25 matter of fact, the one for the transcriptionist is down

- 1 just to completing paperwork and that should put your
- 2 services in place for you.
- 3 The one for the videographer, we're just waiting
- 4 on getting some better estimates before I go ahead and
- 5 submit those to the Office of Technology, and then on to
- 6 DGS for the contracting.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Are we using a single
- 8 outfit, then, for each of those to supply these services
- 9 for all of our meetings?
- 10 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: That's pretty much
- 11 they'll go, yes. Whoever puts in the best bid for the
- 12 statements of work that we've provided, and is able to do
- 13 that in a cost-effective manner.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: So, they've
- 16 pretty --
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Did you check out the web
- 18 one that I had referred, was that in the same ball park
- 19 or --
- 20 BUSINESS MANAGER VILLANEUVA: We've had quite an
- 21 array of prices and so that's why that one's taking a
- 22 little bit longer. Just depending on the services, we've
- 23 had as high as \$8,500 per meeting cost, down to about a
- 24 thousand per meeting cost.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Wow.

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- 2 array. And that's when we decided to just call time out,
- 3 take a step back and kind of re-look at the statement of
- 4 work and what these companies are offering us.
- 5 But my hope is we get that done by the end of the
- 6 week and get that submitted, so we can start working on
- 7 the contract.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an
- 10 additional question regarding the -- my eyes keep going
- 11 back to the technical analyst, under contractual and staff
- 12 services, I think in part because it's a bit of a
- 13 catchall.
- 14 As I remember it, most of the items that would be
- 15 included in here we will be expecting direction from
- 16 our -- some combination of our Legal and our Technical
- 17 Advisory Committees on.
- 18 The one exception to that, which I just wanted to
- 19 clarify, is around the post-evaluation. Would that also
- 20 be coming to us from the Technical Advisory Committee?
- 21 Maybe, Commissioner DiGuilio, I don't know if you
- 22 had any thoughts on that.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think, if I'm not
- 24 mistaken, that was Commissioner Aquirre's suggestion that
- 25 after, when this process is done, it was a post-evaluation

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- 2 role. So, I don't -- I didn't necessarily see it coming
- 3 from the Technical Committee, I thought it was more of the
- 4 overall Commission.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Commissioner Aguirre?
- 7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, it was just a way of
- 8 developing our documentation and really being able to
- 9 evaluate our process. Because we're, as we all know, we
- 10 started this Commission from scratch and there's lots of
- 11 things that were not in place, and that's why we're behind
- 12 in our schedule.
- 13 So, if we could -- if we could bring them on to
- 14 help us with that and to really develop a model, not only
- 15 for the coming Commission, but also to use on some kind of
- 16 a national basis, that would be great.
- 17 My question, when we talked about this just a few
- 18 minutes ago, was whether there was any thought already in
- 19 place, given the -- perhaps the timeline for doing an
- 20 outreach to search for these folks and, also, you know,
- 21 what kind of a contract system or format we might need to
- 22 bring them on.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: yes, I'm in
- 24 agreement with that. Having done evaluations in other
- 25 settings, I know it's often helpful to have your evaluator

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- 2 make sure you're set up in such a way to provide them with
- 3 the right information.
- 4 So, I think if we could go ahead and maybe direct
- 5 staff to do some investigation and have a timeline in
- 6 place for that contract.
- 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly, and we'll
- 8 do that.
- 9 Now, I think I mentioned last time, but it bears
- 10 saying again, there is a full-blown study being done of
- 11 this Commission, already, at UC Berkeley, and Bonnie
- 12 Glaser's part of that study.
- 13 They did a lot of interviews with the staff at the
- 14 Bureau of State Audits, and they did a kind of a post-
- 15 review, and that study was intended to roll right through.
- 16 Now, I don't know if -- if it might be worthwhile
- 17 looking into that and seeing if that might serve our
- 18 needs, and so we would get it for free, or what we want to
- 19 do, but that's there.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I think it's very much
- 21 worthwhile looking into because I know from personal
- 22 experience that some of these evaluation consultants can
- 23 be quite pricy, and given the long time period that we're
- 24 looking at. So, if there's an academic group that's
- 25 already doing that research, you know, if there's

1	something	in	their	scope	that	we	might	want	them	to	look

- 2 at. Although, I imagine they're probably being rather
- 3 thorough. We can make some suggestions.
- 4 Commissioner DiGuilio?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: It would be nice to see
- 6 what they're doing at this point, what they've done and
- 7 what they intend to do, and then to match that up with
- 8 maybe what of our needs, and what we see as -- I mean,
- 9 personally, I don't think any of us have been contacted in
- 10 terms of our experiences.
- 11 And I think that's part of what Commissioner
- 12 Aguirre was mentioning was just a reflection of our
- 13 experiences, too, as Commissioners. So, it would be nice
- 14 to know what they're doing and that way we could add, or
- 15 be reflective on what's happening on our end.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, I think interviews of
- 17 the Commissioners are an absolutely minimum part of this.
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And if
- 19 it played out the same way it played out at the BSA, those
- 20 interviews would occur post-process. And so, that's what
- 21 they did there and I would think that they would do it
- 22 here, too.
- 23 I think that they're going to want to do that
- 24 whether we have somebody doing it for ourselves, anyway.
- 25 So, either way, I believe they're going to want you to be

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- 2 want, at the price we'd like to have it.
- 3 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, it would be good to
- 4 look at that research design and see how well it fits with
- 5 what our concept might be regarding such a study.
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We'll contact them,
- 7 first, and then report back.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, I was going to say it
- 9 might even be nice, if it's convenient, for one of the
- 10 study principles to invite him or her to give a brief
- 11 presentation, just so the rest of the Commission is aware
- 12 of this.
- I don't know that this is urgent but we have a lot
- 14 of things going on so, you know, if that is something we
- 15 can try to shoehorn into a future meeting, it doesn't have
- 16 to be a long presentation. Twenty minutes or something
- 17 like that would be great.
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: If we're the subject of the
- 20 study, I'm not sure we should get that involved. I mean,
- 21 so that the process is fair.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: My concern
- 23 would just be to be able to have the chance to ask them
- 24 questions and clarify whether the study that they're doing
- 25 really serves the purposes that we had discussed as a

- 1 Commission and where there are gaps. I think the
- 2 intention was that this line item would allow us the
- 3 flexibility to do some sort of study.
- 4 If we're able to minimize what study we need to
- 5 do, that's great, but I wouldn't want to write it off
- 6 without having really in-depth information on what they're
- 7 framework is.
- 8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, I agree, I think we
- 9 should at least identify the goal and perhaps clarify the
- 10 expectation.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: The research design, as
- 12 Commissioner Aguirre said. So, I think that would be
- 13 great.
- 14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Also, I'd prefer if it were
- 15 somebody from UCLA, but I guess Berkeley will be okay.
- 16 (Laughter)
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Now, now, Commissioner
- 18 Aguirre.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Move that we appoint
- 20 Berkeley as --
- 21 (Laughter)
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I was going to volunteer
- 23 you next to find us a good evaluation consultant. So,
- 24 let's see what they have.
- 25 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I have some in mind,

- 1 actually.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. We'll see what
- 3 Berkeley's got cooking already.
- 4 Yeah, and my thinking is that the budget we have
- 5 right now, you know, if it's determined by our Legal
- 6 Advisory Committee, in conjunction with our chief counsel
- 7 and voting rights attorney that we're going to need work
- 8 on racially-polarized voting studies, then that budget's
- 9 going to get eaten up very quickly.
- 10 So, to the degree that we can avoid paying for an
- 11 evaluation, I think that would be advisable.
- 12 Yes, Commissioner Yao?
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: We touched upon this topic
- 14 in a number of ways, but I thought maybe -- maybe I'll ask
- 15 a couple more questions to make sure that we -- that we're
- 16 consistent.
- On this translation issue to different languages,
- 18 on the budget, itself, are we going to livestream all the
- 19 input meetings at this point, or have we -- what is the
- 20 latest decision as far as the budget is concerned?
- 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we always
- 22 focused the budget at livestreaming. We would only not
- 23 livestream if we went to a location where they physically
- 24 couldn't do it --
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Okay.

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- 2 videotape.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: But we are going to have a
- 4 consultant that will do the livestreaming for us, right?
- 5 Not a consultant, but a vendor?
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right, that will be
- 7 a staff function. It will be a consultant.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: It will be a consultant
- 9 function.
- 10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, sir.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: If the meeting are being
- 12 livestreamed, can we have the translator, whoever that
- 13 person is or the organization is, take the information off
- 14 the live -- off the video stream, translate it, and then
- 15 we broadcast it, okay, on a different channel? Maybe just
- 16 the audio, maybe the audio plus the video?
- In other words, you don't need to have a person be
- 18 on site to do the translation, because you already have
- 19 the video and the audio that you can pull off the
- 20 broadcast that we provide.
- It may be 30 seconds late, but it appears that in
- 22 doing it that way we can very precisely control the costs,
- 23 because anybody from throughout the whole country can
- 24 provide that service, and not somebody who can make it to
- 25 the meeting. And they'll probably meet 98 of the

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- 2 in near real time.
- I just don't know whether we want to consider
- 4 that. I don't even know whether that's a Finance function
- 5 or not. But if that's our plan, maybe we should task
- 6 somebody to think about it.
- 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I was under the
- 8 impression that our translation was to facilitate
- 9 communication between someone to the Commission.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yes.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: yeah, I think
- 12 there's separate aspects of this and one is to ensure that
- 13 we have information in a variety of languages available
- 14 for the public record, kind of archival purposes after the
- 15 meetings.
- But the other, which I think is more kind of
- 17 essential in a real-time manner is to be able to have
- 18 people who speak other languages actually influence the
- 19 Commission's decision.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Well, again, the
- 21 livestream, as I said, may be 30 second late, maybe a
- 22 minute late, but that same information will get to us if
- 23 we have these wireless attached to a computer, okay.
- So, that process is very controlled, very
- 25 organized as compared to having to have somebody on site,

- 1 very expensive, and working with a new individual every
- 2 time.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'm just trying
- 4 to play this out functionally, how that work. So, if we
- 5 had an input hearing, we would have -- what it would
- 6 preclude is someone being able to interact with the
- 7 Commission at that moment. So, it would demand that they
- 8 submit comments after the meeting -- walk me through it a
- 9 little bit more.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: All right. For example,
- 11 what I'm saying right now is being livestreamed. A
- 12 translator can translate what I just said and re-broadcast
- 13 that on a different channel. All right. So, we could be
- 14 watching that separate channel and get my comments
- 15 translated in six different languages, okay.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: You're talking about
- 17 simultaneous translation.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Simultaneous translation,
- 19 okay.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: It's quite expensive, by
- 21 the way, simultaneous translation.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Well, people can do it from
- 23 their home, people can do it from their office, and it's
- 24 basically just putting it on -- back on the internet,
- 25 okay. And you're going to have to hire that person to do

1	the	translation	, anyway	. This	way you	don't	require	that

- 2 person to be on standby in case you need them, to travel
- 3 to a site.
- 4 I'm not suggesting that is the solution, I'm
- 5 suggesting that because of all the infrastructure that we
- 6 already have in place, it may work for us as compared to
- 7 under a different scenario.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: My concern
- 9 around that is it seems to still focus on output, on
- 10 Commission -- the Commission putting out information into
- 11 the public sphere, and not so much the public's ability to
- 12 get their information or input into us.
- 13 And this is an area I would defer to the Outreach
- 14 Committee. I'm sure you're doing a lot of thinking around
- 15 how this functionally will work. But, again, that would
- 16 be my concern, what happens to the individual who
- 17 physically shows up to our meeting, does not speak English
- 18 as their first language, or any of their languages, in
- 19 fact, and how do they interact with us at that moment?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Commissioner Aguirre?
- 21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah. Well, this is
- 22 especially true for the disenfranchised, those that have
- 23 been marginalized socioeconomically and culturally, also,
- 24 so that it's just an element. For most communities, it's
- 25 an element of respect and validation.

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- 2 Mr. Claypool is outreaching to our partners to, number
- 3 one, see if there's going to be -- within their
- 4 organization of the events, their assistance with
- 5 organizing our events, that determine whether there will
- 6 be a need for translators.
- 7 And secondarily, then, look for some potential
- 8 volunteers to actually do the translation there. So, that
- 9 might be, you know, one way to do it.
- 10 But then, if there are no translators available, I
- 11 think the question for us is do we go ahead and provide
- 12 that?
- For me, personally, the real question is how many
- 14 languages do we provide and what if, you know, we provide
- 15 translators and nobody shows and, you know, et cetera, et
- 16 cetera.
- 17 So, at its most basic for me, it would be Spanish
- 18 translators in every event. And then from there,
- 19 depending on the desire, the request for additional
- 20 translators and different languages, then those could be
- 21 provided.
- 22 So, it just -- you know, the Latino population,
- 23 the Spanish-speaking population in California is so large,
- 24 and yet they're one of the most disenfranchised
- 25 populations in California.

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- 2 population, then I think we need to pay attention to that
- 3 and to try to bring them into the mix to the best -- in
- 4 the best manner possible.
- In response to Mr. Yao's suggestion, it would be
- 6 great to be able to livestream our -- as an elected
- 7 official, we were one of three cities in California that
- 8 did simultaneous translation of all of our city council
- 9 business, in English and Spanish, and it was almost as
- 10 simple at your household for you to hit the SAP channel
- 11 and you would catch us, you know, in that language.
- 12 And we got very good response from the public on
- 13 that. So, if we were able to be able to do that in
- 14 multiple languages, and we could cover the cost, that
- 15 would be tremendous.
- But that's -- again, that limits the access to
- 17 those that actually have computers and are on the
- 18 internet, or can go to the library, et cetera.
- 19 So, the issue, as Ms. Malloy is bringing up, I
- 20 think is one that is key to the outreach process, which is
- 21 how do we actively engage the community? Not only getting
- them to our events, but also how do we engage with them in
- 23 a meaningful, respectful way?
- 24 And I think by having translators is really the
- 25 best way to do it.

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- 2 on behalf of the Public Information Advisory Committee
- 3 that there are plans to do the toolkit in multiple
- 4 languages, the website in multiple languages, the video in
- 5 multiple languages which really has the key information.
- I mean, frankly, a lot of our meetings have a lot
- 7 of information that's only interesting to a very small
- 8 percentage of the population. What's most important is
- 9 that they understand what is redistricting, why is it
- 10 important to them, how can they get involved, and how can
- 11 they describe their community of interest?
- 12 So, that information we absolutely are planning to
- 13 have in multiple languages and that's what I think we feel
- 14 is the most critical for public information.
- 15 Whether all of our meetings are live, you know,
- 16 simulcast in multiple languages, I mean, I think that
- 17 would dramatically drive up the cost. People who are
- 18 truly qualified simultaneous translators are especially
- 19 trained. They have to take breaks every half-hour. I
- 20 mean, you get into a very high cost, unless you're using
- 21 amateurs.
- 22 So, that would just be my comment, I just kind of
- 23 feel like we need to focus on what the essential things
- 24 are to get translated and try to hit the major languages
- 25 for that.

1	Any other comments on contracts from the rest of
2	the Committee?
3	If not, I think we're going to finish early.
4	COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Could I have a
5	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: At this point I oh, yes,
6	Commissioner Aguirre, sorry.
7	COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Just a question about the
8	question of lodging. I know some of us go back and forth
9	of, you know, being able to reserve lodging for ourselves,
10	and some of us are more facile with what that process is.
11	So, my question was, you know, given that we're
12	going to be much busier and probably given that we'll be
13	able to anticipate the data for our business meetings
14	here, in Sacramento, for the next couple of months
15	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: And elsewhere.
16	COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. That we ask our staff
17	to go ahead and reserve what I think is the most
18	convenient hotel to this facility, which would be the
19	Sheraton, to reserve a block of rooms for that would
20	accommodate all of us, and then we don't have to worry
21	about it.
22	And then if, for some reason, we're not going to
23	be able to participate, then it's really encumbent on us
24	to either cancel out or to call our staff to cancel out.
25	And I think that you know, I can see our staff

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- 2 forwarding to them and it takes time to set it up.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Ms. Sargis, would you like
- 4 to comment on this?
- 5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The good news is
- 6 the Sheraton sent me an e-mail this morning, saying that
- 7 they're getting a special ID number for all of you. And
- 8 if you refer to that ID number, you automatically get the
- 9 State rate reserved for you 24/7.
- 10 So, if it's the weekend and you can't find a
- 11 person that can help you, you just give them that ID
- 12 number. So, I think they're going to streamline this
- 13 process. Looking at the upcoming calendar and how many
- 14 days you may be spending in Sacramento, it is going to
- 15 behoove the entire process to have that ID number.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Does that address your
- 17 question?
- 18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Thank you. Yes.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Yeah, I know it was a
- 20 little bit rough for this month, but moving forward it
- 21 should be much better. And the key thing is you can use
- 22 this for the regular 800 reservation number.
- 23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Right.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Okay. At this point I'd
- 25 like to open it up to members of the public to make any

- 1 comment on items before this Committee, specifically, the
- 2 Finance and Administration Committee.
- 3 Anyone?
- 4 Seeing no one approaching the mike, I think we are
- 5 ready to adjourn. All right. Thank you very much.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Before you adjourn, this
- 7 morning's advisory committee had a practice of repeating
- 8 all the things that we're going to tell the major
- 9 committee, or the entire committee. Would you like to
- 10 follow that practice?
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: Would you like to volunteer
- 12 to give that report?
- 13 (Laughter)
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: No, I have not been -- I
- 15 have not been keeping notes. I think it's basically
- 16 following Chair Webber's guideline as to how we should be
- 17 concise about reporting out.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: I was going to volunteer
- 19 Commissioner Galambos Malloy to give the report in the new
- 20 format, at the Commission meeting. But I would be happy
- 21 to give her more time to do that.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would be
- 23 happy to play that role. I confess, I helped to craft the
- 24 meeting procedures, along with Commissioner Dai, so I will
- 25 be happy to do that tomorrow.

1	I would like a chance to review the procedure,
2	since it's the first time but
3	COMMITTEE MEMBER YAO: Thank you. I just wanted
4	to share with you the best practice I picked up from this
5	morning's session.
6	COMMITTEE MEMBER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.
7	COMMITTEE MEMBER DAI: In that case, we need to
8	assign who will be giving the report in advance.
9	All right. Thank you very much.
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